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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2009, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of named inventor Katsumi Yabusaki (Yabusaki Declaration) submitted herewith, and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.